

CEELBAS Centre for Doctoral Training: Additional funding opportunities

Student Development Funding

Purpose and scope:

To support **needs-based training for individual students**, in the form of development opportunities beneficial to a student's doctoral research, such as: internships and international placements, long-term research visits, language training, research training, professional development courses. Typically, the SDF is used to extend the duration of a studentship to support long-term training needs. In this way, a studentship may be extended by up to 12 months. SDF may also be used to fund travel, course fees and other essential training costs. Such costs do not necessarily need to entail an extension to the duration of the studentship.

Note: *Extending the duration of a studentship **does not** mean that the latest thesis submission date for that student is similarly extended. The thesis submission deadline remains the same, i.e. no more than 4 years from the start of the award for a full-time student and no more than 7 years from the start of the award for a part-time student.*

Amount available:

There is no limit on the amount to which students may apply, nor the number of applications that can be made by any one student; however, the SDF budget is limited and is allocated on a competitive basis.

Eligibility:

All CEELBAS CDT studentship holders are eligible to apply for funding. However, students in receipt of **'fees only' awards** are not eligible for funding that takes the form of a stipend (e.g. to cover the period of a placement).

Application process and deadlines:

The **Student Development Funding Application Form** should be submitted by e-mail to the CEELBAS Administrator (ssees-ceelbas@ucl.ac.uk) before the deadlines published each year at: <http://www.ceelbas.ac.uk/students/cdt/support>

All applications require an additional statement of support from the applicant's supervisor to be e-mailed separately to the CEELBAS Administrator. Internships and research visits also require statements of support in principle from the host organisation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that these supporting statements are submitted to the CEELBAS Administrator before the deadline.

Assessment criteria:

SDF applications will be considered by the CEELBAS CDT Steering Group. Funding will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Relevance and need of the proposed activity for the applicant's research project and/or to their personal or professional development;
- Strength of supporting statement from supervisor;
- Value for money.

Payment:

Grants will be paid by bank transfer. Details of the payment process will be confirmed to grant recipients after funding has been awarded.